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SUBJECT: MALTESE - PHILIPPINE TRADE AGREEMENT

1. ON MARCH 23, A TRADE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY MALTA'S TRADE MINISTER PATRICK HOLLAND AND PHILIPPINE TRADE MINISTER TROADIO T. QUIAZON, JR., HEAD OF A PHILIPPINE TRADE DELEGATION VISITING MALTA.

2. THE VISIT BY THE PHILIPPINE TRADE DELEGATION FOLLOWED CLOSELY A VISIT BY A BRAZILIAN BUSINESS DELEGATION. IN BOTH INSTANCES, DISCUSSIONS CENTERED AROUND THE USE OF MALTA AS A TRANSHIPMENT CENTER, AND POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN MALTA. IN THE CASE OF THE BRAZILIANS, AGREEMENT WITH THE GOM WAS REACHED TO ESTABLISH IN MALTA A LUMBER STORAGE COMPANY (TO INCLUDE KILN DRYING FACILITIES), CALLED MARIBRAS INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY LTD.

3. COMMENT: THE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE PHILIPPINES IS THE GOM IN ACCORD WITH ITS ACTIVE POLICY OF INCREASING FOREIGN TRADE. RECENTLY, EMPHASIS IN ALL SUCH DISCUSSIONS, HAS BEEN ON PROMOTING MALTA AS A TRANSHIPMENT CENTER. GIVEN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONGESTION IN VARIOUS PORTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, MALTA HOPES TO ACHIEVE CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN THIS ENDEAVOR. PROVIDED THE GOM CAN IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF ITS OWN PORT OPERATIONS AND DEVELOP THE REQUIRED STORAGE FACILITIES, IT MAY DO SO. LAINGEN

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